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WAR OFFICE'S SECRECY.

SILENT CONCERNING EVENTS AFTER GEN. BULLER'S DEFEAT.

Indications That Methuen May Be Cut Off Preparations for Re-enforcing the Army in South Africa Going On Rapidly Statement That Ladysmith Has Provisions for More Than Three Months.

Special Cable Derpitches to THE BUS. LONDON, Dec. 21.-The military authorities have, it is clear, forbidden all present use of the South African cables so far as the newspapers are concerned. Dec. 16 is the date of the atest tress despatches. These consist chiefly of accounts of the Colenso engagement and are of somewhat monotonous similarity. Gen. Builer and the other commanders are equally silent concerning events that have occurred

since the battle of Tugela River.
The War Office to-night issued Gen. Buller's list, showing 702 wounded and 203 missing. bringing the total casualties at Tugela River up to 1,10st There is not a word, however, indicating his present position.

The dates of all despatches relating to the respective camps are suppressed. The despatch of Gen. Mathuen regarding a rude reply made by Commandant Cronje in response to representations made by Gen. Methuen concerning a British prisoner held by the Boers is dated Doc. 20 by some papers here, but it is assumed that this date is not correct. Everything continues to indicate that Gen. Methuen has been isolated since Dec. 17, and those realizing the probability dread the revelation that Modder River has become another Ladysmith.

The manner in which two newspapers announce that Gen. White's position is improved pecessitates the inference that the statement had its source in the War Office. The same papers made much early in the of Col. Plumer's force invading the Transvaal from the north, but was without result, drought compelling the return of the force.

Preparations for reenforcing the armies in South Africa continue at top speed. The Admiralty has arranged for another naval brigade of 700 men. Among the officers who will embars on Saturday is the youngest son of Baron Bussell of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England Young Russell is a Lieutenant of artil-

The Oneen has commanded the Archbishop of Canterbury to order the collection of con tributions in behalf of sick and wounded soldiers and their wives and children, and also in behalf of he widows and orphans of soldiers who have been killed in South Africa. The collections will be made in all the churches of the Established Church in England and

t is assured by high authority that the War Office is not anxious concerning the safety of Ladysmith, and that there is a supply of the town which is sufficient to last for more than three months. Another statement is that the troops in Ladysmith have plenty of ammunition.

CRONJE "RUDE" TO METHUEN.

Refuses to Hold Aux Further Communication About an Officer Held as a Spy. Special Carte Despatch to THE SUN.

London, Dec. 21.-The War Office has re-ceived the following despatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker at Cape Town: Dec. 2)-Methuen wires that he has reeeived a rude reply from Cronje in regard to an officer whom Cronje calls a spy. Cronje reses to hold any further communication with

Meriden. A despatch to the Central News from Modder River dated Dec. 16 says: "Gen. Methuen, under a flag of truce, sent a request to Gen. Crosse asking for information regarding the british wounded. Gen. Cronic promised to send the desired intelligence

Assemmunicate with Kimberly nightly." Motoren Reven, Dec. 16. (Delayed I mission. - While the British litter-bearers under Chaplain Robertson were burying their dead at Magersfontein, some of the Boers were inclined to be communicative. The gist of their statements was that while the fighting was outside their own boundaries. ther were entirely satisfied. They said they knew their own farms were safe, and, even if the British were eventually victorious, the burghers felt that their farms would not be confiscated. Therefore they had descended on Kimberley and Aliwal North and marched through Lalug's Nek into Natal. Their Government believed that in fighting in British territory they might induce their compatriots in all of South Africa to fight for the control of the country, whereas if the Boers retired within their own frontiers this hope would be

The Boera blew up a culvert north of here this morning. Three suspected spies, including two milk ellers, were arrested here yesterday and hold for examination.

CONSUL HAY IN LONDON.

Beceives Many Requests to Send Information of Prisoners From South Africa.

Special cable Desputch t Tan Sen, Lovdon, Dec. 21,-Mr. A. S. Hay, who has arrived here en route to his post as American Consul at Pretoria, said in an interview to-day that he did not know whether he would proceed to Pretoria overland from Cape lows or whether he would go to Delagoa Bay and thence to the Transvaal capital. He added that the fact that the Transvasi Government had stopped former Consul Macrum from transmitting to England information concerning their British prisoners indicated that such courtesies would not be resumed. In some usion Mr. Hay declared that the good offices of the United States were still at England's service.

to send information concerning them.

BRITISH PRISONERS ILL-TREATED. Blankets Taken From the Wounded by Boer Women at Burghersdorp.

Mr. Hay has received a large number of re-

quests from relatives and friends of prisoners

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS. LONDON, Dec. 22. The Daily News's Cape Town correspondent says that the Boers marched the British prisoners taken at Stormerg to Burghersdorp, the march occupying forty-eight hours, during which time the prismors were without food or water.

The wounded were at first placed in a schoolhouse by the English residents, but the Boer women in the town remonstrated, declaring that the "roomeks," as they term the English, ought to be shot. The blankets were taken from the wounded men and their beds were given to Boers.

THE UNRRIA FOR WAR SERVICE.

Conard Liner to Carry Troops to South Mrica-The St. Louis to Carry Her Mail. A serial Cable Desputch to THE SUN.

loxnox, Dec. 21,-The Admiralty has made requisition for the Cunard Line steamship imbria for use as a transport. The Umbria will not sail for New York on Saturday, and herefore no mails for the United States will be

and from Liverpool on Saturday or from Derly Desk Company, 145 Fulton Street. with fixtures of wood, marble or bronze.

Queenstown on Sunday. The week's mail will JURORS TACKLE EXPERTS. be sent from Southampton on Saturday by the steamship St. Louis.

The steamships Parisian, Laurentian and Pomeranian have been chartered to convey the second Canadian contingent to the Cape.

TO PRAY FOR BRITISH SUCCESS.

Solemn Service of Humble Supplication to Be Held in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, Dec. 21.-A "solemn service of humble supplication to Almighty God for His blessing on our arms in South Africa " has been arranged for Dec. 20 at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop of London will preach.

STARFING IN ORANGE FREE STATE. Great Distress Reported Owing to a Scarcity

Special Cattle Despatch to THE SUN. CAPE Town, Dec. 16 (Delayed in transmision).-There is great distress in the Orange Free State owing to a scarcity of grain. Many families are reported to be starving.

ENGLAND LOOKING FOR MORE SHIPS.

President Baker of the Transport Line Hurries to a Conference Here.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 21.-Bernard N. Baker. resident and Secretary of the Atlantic Transport Line, went to New York to-night and may sail for London on Saturday. Mr. Baker's hurried movements are due to a number of cablegrams which passed this morning between the English War Office in London and the New York office of the Atlantic Transport Line In regard to the terms upon which the British

Government could secure the use of three or more vessels of Mr. Baker's company to serve as transports in conveying the reenforcements to the arm in South Africa.

The English War Office has now under charter from the Atlantic Transport Company three vessels of the line, the America, Europe and Mohawk. The first and last of these vessels are now at Cape Town and the Europe sailed for that port on last Saturday.

Gen. Kitchener Leaves Alexandria

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUS ALEXANDRIA, Egypt. Dec. 21.-Gen. Lord Kitchener, who has been appointed Chief of Staff to Gen. Lord Roberts, embarked to-day on the British warship Isis, which will convey him to Cape Town.

FIREMEN FALL OFF A BALCONY. And Battal on Chief Burns's Face Burned at a West Broadway Fire.

Fire was discovered in the ceiling between the second and third floors of the six-story iron and stone building at 405 West Broadway at 10 o'clock last night. The firemen chopped around in the dark for a half an hour before getting at the fire. Three men of No. 30 Engine were standing on a fire-Vales on Jan. 7.

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Necs says that through the windows. One got below all right, but the other two were enveloped in smoke. They fell down the fire-escape opensmoke. They fell down the fire-escape open-ing one, R. McDorald, anding on the balcony below with a cut head and the other, James Crawford, landing on the railing. The three upper floors of the building were gutted. The loss on the building and to M. Koppelman, clothing; the Paris Flower and Feather Com-pany, the Archimede Covered Wire Flower Company, Samuel Rotheuthal, plush caps, and James R. Rowley, restaurant, is not at \$4.00. pany, the Archimede Covered Wirs Flower Company, Samuel Rothenthal, plush cans, and James B. Bowley, restaurant, is put at \$40,-Chief Burns of the Sixth Rattalion was burned about the face and had to go to his home. Chief Burns was on a rearfire escape and was caught in a back draught.

LOUISIANA DEMOCRATS.

Sinte Ticket Completed-No Mention of

Bryan or 16 to 1 in the Platform. NEW OBLEANS, Dec. 21.-The Democratic State Convention at Baton Rouge completed the full State ticket to-day as follows: For Governor, W. W. Heard (now State Auditor); for Lieutenant-Governor, A. E. Estopinal now Senator); for Secretary of State, John E. Michel (renominated); for Superintendent of Public Education, J. V. Calhoun (renominated); for Attorney-General, Judge Walter Guion; for Auditor, H. R. Frasce; for Treasurer, Ledoux Smill. All the candidates save two

ere nom nated without oppositio The platform denounces trusts and calls upon Congress and the Louisiana Legislature to pass laws to regulate, restrain and suppress the trusts. It calls for appropriations from the Federal Government for the improvement of the Mississippi, the construction of leaves, the jettying and improvementally the southwest part of the Mississippi, and a canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. Gov. Foster's administration is praised, as well as the suffrage clause passed by the late Constitutional Convention disfranchising the negroes.

No reference is made to Biryau, to the financial question or to any issue relating to the National Democracy. The platform denounces trusts and calls

HERIFF AT ODELL'S HEADQUARTERS. Came to Seize the Republican Furniture to Satisfy a Spellbinder's Claim.

Edgar Franken who got judgment against the Republican State Committee amounting with costs to \$1991.88 for services in 1808 as an orator among the Germans and author of a pamphlet for German voters took out an execution on Wednesday and sent a deputy sheriff up to the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday to attach the committee's desks and things. The deputy found Co. Fox, the secretary, in charge. He showed his writ and explained his

"This is a most outrageous thing," said Col, "This is a most outrageous thing," said Coi,
Fox. "That man was naid for everything that
he did not was paid mighty well too."
"I don't doubt that," replied the deputy
sheriff, "but here are court orders that must be
attended to and something must be done."
"I can't do anything to-day," replied Coi,
Fox. "because the Chairman is not here. If
you will wait nutl' to morrow when the Chairyou will wait until to-morrow when the Chair-man will have time to make out a check for the amount, you will get the money. We have to wish to try to evade an order of a court."

This was sails factory to the deputy sheriff and he departed, saying that he would call to-day.

TEXAS LAUYERS IN A DUIL.

One Demanded a Retraction and Both Drew Revolvers-One of Them Killed. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 21.-Two well-known Dallas lawyers, Francis M. Etheridge and Edwin O. Harrell, fought a duel in the lobby of the elevator entrance to the North Texas office building this morning. Harrell was hit three times by bullets and was dead in two three times by bullets and was dead in two hours. Etheridge was not hur. Both men drew their pistols at the same time, but the hammer of Harrell's weapon would not work. He was conscious to the last moment and died declaring that Etheridge was the aggressor.

Etheridge had an examining trial before Justice Skelton and was released on \$2.500 hond. The men were employed as opposing counsel in a case in court. Some bitter words passed several days ago and Etheridge necessed Harrell of unprofessional conduct in getting up testimony. He rejused to retract when Harrell met him in the elevator lobby this morning, and a resort to pistols was the result. ult. Harreli was an native of Alabama, 38 years old. Etheridge is an native Texan. Each had a wife and children.

Lawyer Beaman Nabs a Pickpocket. William S. Beaman of 11 East Forty-fourth

street, a lawyer, with offices at 90 Cedar street. while watching the holiday crowd at Fourteenth while watching the donary crown at Fourteenth at reset and Sixth avenue last night feit a tug at his watch chain. He grabbe i the would-be thief and held him until Central Office Detectives Flay and Stransky relieved him of his prisoner, who was Thomas Cop. r. homeless. He was locked up at Police Headquarters.

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SCIENCE OF HANDWRITING TOO MUCH · FOR THEM IN SPOTS.

Foreman of the Molineux Jury Can't See That the Barnet and Cornish Letters Are in a Disguised Hand, Written Six Months Apart and Looking So Alike-A Mental Conception in Five P's.

"And now," said Mr. Osborne, "Mr. Tyrrell, will you kindly go to the board and draw an filustration of what, in your opinion, is a men-tal conception?" "Why, certainly," said Handwriting Expert

Tyrrell, and he walked to the high board

and with many flourishes drew five capital Thus was closed the morning session of the handwriting matinée, otherwise known as the trial of Roland B. Molipeux, accused of the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams. Thus at last the jury got before them the idea what a

mental conception looked like.

Mr. Tyrrell did not say whether the letter
"F" was the mental conception, but the presumption, after a careful study, was that perhaps it was the general form of the letter that was the conception rather than the letter it-

Mr. Tyrrell was on the witness stand practieally all day. His cross-examination began after recess, and at its conclusion, just before the adjournment of the evening session, the foreman of the jury. Mr. Martin, leaning forward, asked a series of questions for his own and his fellow jurors' enlightenment about the disguise in the handwriting of the Barnet and Cornish letters, at the conclusion of which he said: To me as a layman it is impossible to see

where the disguise in this handwriting comes

where the disguise in this handwriting comes in.

Before Mr. Martin asked his series of questions the Recorder had expressed a desire to ask the witness some things himself; but at the conclusion, the Recorder said he had no further desire for information, and the jaw of Assistant District Attorney Osborne dropped several inches. Mr. Osborne protonged the season some minutes trying to straighten matters out, but it was not altogether a happy effort, and the court was adjourned until this mornine.

JUNOUS OFF AT KINSLEY AGAIN.

Immediately after the resumption of the case at the morning session, Mr. Osborne said that he wanted to withdraw Mr. Tyrroll from the stand for a moment in order to replace him with Mr. Kinsley, of whom the foreman of the jury had asked a question. The foreman had asked Mr. Kinsley, when he was on the stand in how many cases he had testified where the handwriting was dissimulated or disguised. Mr. Kinsley remied vesterday that he had testified in twenty-three cases before profit invises and three cases before grand juries. Mr. Wieller, and Hovey and Cornish netters, and the cornish letters, and the cornish letters are not the large test of the defendant during the distribution of the case at the morning session. Mr. Osborne said that he wanted to withdraw Mr. Tyrroll from the stand for a moment in order to replace him with Mr. Kinsley, when he was on the stand in how many cases he had testified where the handwriting was dissimulated or disguised. Mr. Kinsley remied vesterday that he had testified in twenty-three cases before grand juries. The work of the defendant of the farmet letters, the Cornish letters and the Cornish letters are desired in the wind and the cornish letters are d

you samples of their handwriting?" asked Mr. Billings.

Web. I didn't ask them." said Mr. Kinsley. "but I asked to be provided with the handwriting of each and every one of the persons who might be under suspleion. Adams and callagher, and Hovey and Cornish, and Mrs. Riggers and Mrs. Hovey. I got enough of their writing so that I was satisfied that they didn't write the Barnet or Cornish letters or the diress on the poison package."

I they you sak them to write the language that was in dispute?" asked Mr. Billings.

"No, they did not write what was on the poison package; that is, not all of them; some of them; did.

When Mr. Billings had finished and after Mr. Osborne had asked a few questions, Mr. Weeks had a chance and he said:

"You were not present, were you, when the samples of handwriting that you examined from others than Mr. Molineux were written?"

samples of handwriting that you examined from others than Mr. Modineux were written?" No," a imitted Mr. Kinsley. "the only writing that was done in my presence waxa part of the Guilagher letter which we have talked about here.

Q. To none of the others did you furnish the things that were to be written, the words that were to be written? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you furnish them with the pen that they were to use? A. No, sir.

Q. Did you tell them what kind of a pen they were to use? A. I told them they were to use a coarse tem.

Q. It was only when you had formed an opinion that the defendant had written the disputcil writing that you demanded the writing of the identical words, in order that you might make your conclusion absolutely satisfactory?

A. That's the case.

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TYRIELL ON MENTAL CONCEPTION.

That Indished up with Mr. Kinsley, and Mr. Tyrrell took the sand again, and the subjects of the matinee. "Mental Conception" and "Thysical Possibility" were resumed.

As Mr. Tyrrell produced his illustrations on the blackboard, consisting of words or letters from the Cornish or Barnet letters or the polson rackage and similar words or letters from the admitted handwriting of the defendant, and pointed out the similarity. Mr. Osberne at intervals of about three minutes would demand: "I wantto ask you if those words are not absolutely identical in mental conception?" Mr. Tyrrell's reply invariably was "The mental conception is the same.

"And do you believe it possible for any two human beings in this whole world to have the same mental conception to whom it would be a physical possibility to produce those two writings?" would be the next demand of Mr. Osborne: to which Mr. Tyrrell would reply: "I wouldn't want to be bostive about that. It could be done, but it is very unlikely that two human beings would do it."

Mr. Osborne's next question would be; "If those words came to you as a signature in your insurance business, you would be satisfied for commercial purposes that they were the signature of the same person?" To this Mr. Tyrrell would reply that he would.

Toward the end of the session Mr. Osborne said: "Now. Mr. Tyrrell. I think we have shown enough. You could go on multiplying similarities that you found in the disputed handwriting and in the admitted handwriting of the delendant until the end of time, couldn't you?"

"They are practically inexhaustible," replied TYRUBLE ON MENTAL CONCEPTION.

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It was here that Mr. Osborne, placing his right hand, fingers extended on the bosom of his shirt, his chows sticking out, asked for a picture of Mr. Tyrrell's idea of mental con-

INFERS THAT MOLINEUX WAS COACHED. Mr. Osborne wanted next to know what importance Mr. Tyrrell ttached to the habitual breaks between letters in the middle of words that he found in the admitted handwriting of Molheux and in the Barnet and Cornish letters and in the poison address itself. "It is the sot habit of the writer," replied Mr. Tyrrall.

It is the set many importance to the fact Tyrrell.

Do you attach any importance to the fact that the only handwriting of this defendant where these breaks do not appear is in the request writing done for Mr. hins'ey?

I must necessarily, replied Mr. Tyrrell,
And what is the inference? demanded Mr. Oaborne. "That he had been coached," replied Mr. Tyrrell.

The cross-examination did not shake Mr. Tyrrell's mental conception it is fair to say. Mr. Tyrrell testified that he was to get \$50 a day for five days' work a week, his traveling expenses and his horel bills. Asked how many days he had spent on the case for which he expected to be paid, he replied. "About twenty. I should say."

A large part of Mr. Weeks's cross examina-tion was devoted to extracting from Mr. Tyr-rell the rules that he employed in determining disanted han swriting. The Sux readers who have followed the case will recall how effective this line of examination had been on Mr. Kinsley Mr. Tyrrell, with Mr. Kinsley as an example before him, fought off the issue all the atternoon. At last Mr. Weeks got him to say that the first thing he did when he was

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asked to determine the writer of a disputed handwriting was to study the disputed handwriting and find out all of the characteristics in it. The characteristics that appeared at regular intervals, it was always safe to assume, were characteristics of the writer with which the writer himself, perhaps, was not familiar. Mr. Tyrell said that no person could diaguise his handwriting entirely; there would invariably appear certaic of his own real characteristics. Then when those were found an examination of his admitted bandwriting would show the same characteristics with the same regularity, which would be proof positive to an expert's mind.

THEORY OF DISGUISED HANDWRITING. THEORY OF DISGUISED HANDWRITING.

THEORY OF DISCUSSED HANDWRITING.

Mr. Weeks took him up on that point, and said: "Then, Mr. Tyrreil, let us assume that a man writes an address on a package simulating the writing of another. If he is a clever simulator, he gets into that simulated writing certain characteristics of the other. This simulated writing is given to an expert, together with specimens of the handwriting, the man whose writing is simulated. The expert, studying the simulated handwriting indis the characteristics which, when he examines the admitted writing, he finds there with equal regularity. Applying your rule, he would decide, would he not, that the writer of the admitted writing wrote the simulated of the admitted writing wrote the simulate Writing?"
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Mr. Tyrrell would not admit it. Mr. Osborne objected to the question "unless the defendant agrees that all the characteristics of his handwriting in this case are to be found in the disputed handwriting.

"That's a fine thing for a prosecutor to ask of the defence, is it not?" said Mr. Weeks, and the Recorder reprimanded Mr. Osborne.

Before he had finished his cross-examination, Mr. Tyrrell declared that he considered the determination of disputed handwriting an absolute science, and in cases where it had failed, he insisted that it was the fault of the person making the investigation, and not the lault of the science itself.

FOREMAN DISAGREES WITH TYRRELL.

FOREMAN DISAGRESS WITH TYRRELL. Juror Martin, the foreman, began a series of questions. Readers of the The Sux who have followed the case will remember that the Barnet and Cornish letters were written something like six months apart, and that no correspondence of any kind has been discovered between the dates on which those letters were written. Further, the experts of the prosecution have testified that they were able to connect the handwriting of Molineux with the handwriting on the poison package in the first instance only by first connecting the handwriting of the package with the handwriting of the package with the hand-

th the expert and the court adjourned for e day. Mr Osborne said that he would have two more experts on the stand to-day, and he intimated that he would call no more experts

TROLLEY CARS COLLIDE. Three Passengers Injured in a Brooklyn

Accident. A collision in which three persons were injured and which caused much excitement occurred about 8 o'clock last night between two trolley cars at Flatbush and Fifth avenues, Brooklyn. Car 2.150 of the Seventh avenue line came down Flatbush avenue toward the Fifth avenue crossing, where it should have stopped at high speed, and dashed into car 521 of the Fifth avenue line, which was also going downtown, throwing it from the track. Motorman Hans Olsen of the Seventh avenue car had tried to stor the car but found that the brake would not work. Just as he approached the crossing he shouted to the motorman of the Fifth avenue car to put on full speed so as to avoid the collision, but the latter could not get out of

nuc car to put on Ital speed so as to avoid the collision, but the latter could not get out of the way.

When the smash-up became inevitable, Olson jumped off the platform and saved himself from probable serious injury. All the passengers in both cars got a shaking-up, but only three, who were in the Seventh avenue car, were injured. They were Charles Hall, 41 years old, of 302 Vanderbilt avenue, whose leg and arm was cut and bruised; Gettrude Schleventuck, 14 years old, of 274 Vanderbilt avenue, arms also cut and bruised, and Mrs. Mary M. Garr of 805 Bergon street, who received slight bruises on body. They were attended by Ambulance-Surgeon Gilmore of the Scorey Hospital and taken to their horres, Both cars were considerably damaged and trafite on both lines was delayed nearly half an hour.

WASHINGTON DOG OWNERS PROTEST

Can't Obey the Order to Muzzle Their Dogs When the Supply of Muzzles Is Short. Washington, Dec. 21.-The local paperslare being burdened with the complaints of the dog owners of the city, protesting against the enforcement of the recent order of the District Commissioners that the dogs be muzzled while the supply of muzzles is unequal to the dem and. The dogcatchers are busily at work and hundreds of dogs were captured and taken to the pound to-day. In attempting to enforce the order on some dogs belonging to one of the members of the diplomatic corps the police found they were barred by law from applying police regulations to the representatives of foreign countries or to their does. As the attempt to stamp from applying police regulations to the representatives of foreign countries or to their dogs. As the attempt to stamp out the rables in the city would be partly nullified if the canine pets of the diplomats were to go unmuzzled, polite notes requesting, as a matter of courtesy, compliance with the regulations, have been sent to the various legations by the Commissioners.

Dig Kniser to Miss a Trip.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse will remain in port over the holidays, thus missing a trip. In port over the honorays, this man to spend The reason is that few folks want to spend Christmas at sea and it doesn't ray to send a great, expensive shin away with a 'ew pas-sengers. She will sail on Thursday, Jan. 4.

No Rehearing in Insurance Trust Cases. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 21.-The Supreme Court this morning overruled the motion of Attorney-General Monnett for a rehearing of the Insurance Trust cases which were thrown out of court on Tuesday.

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DIED UPBRAIDING HIS WIFE

SUICIDE OF E. G. WILLIAMS IN A BROOKLYN HOTEL.

Says in a Parting Letter to His Wife That He Could Endure His Business Reverses but Not Her Conduct Toward Him-Shot Himself in Bed in the Clarendon Hotel.

Edward G. Williams Treasurer of the Ives and Williams Company, manufacturers of nechanical and iron toys, with a factory in Bridgeport, Conn., and a salesroom at 682 Broadway, committed suicide yesterday in the Clarendon Hotel on Fulton street, Brooklyn, by shooting himself through the heart Williams lived with his wife and daughter in a handsome brownstone house at 141 St. Mark's avenue, Brooklyn. He was fifty years old. Mr. Williams was well known at the Claren-

don Hotel, as he was a frequent visitor there He called at the hotel at 10:30 o'clock on Wednesday night and engaged a room on the second floor. He was seen at midnight, when he said he wished not to be disturbed in the morning, as he wanted to have a long sleep. William Gibson, one of the hotel emplayees, tried to get in the room at 7:30 o'clock last night, but the door was locked and boited on the inside. He then went to the floor above, climbed down on the fire escape and, raising the window, entered the room and found Williams's body under the bed clothes. Williams had shot himself after pulling the clothes over his head. He had placed the revolver so close to his heart that the skin was burned. The police of the Adams street station were notified and took possession of all the suicide's effects. These consisted of a suit of clothes lying on a chair, a mass of letters, a pocketbook and 50 cents in money. In the overcoat was a carving knife, which Williams had probably taken from his house and which had recently been sharpened. Among the letters was one addressed to his wife. It was enclosed in an envelope bearing the name of the proprietor of Acme Hall, Seventh avenue and Ninth street. It follows: "BROOKLYS, Dec. 20, 1800.

peison package address. To make its ease, the proceedution must, of course prove that the Barnet and Cornish letters are in the disquised out the fact that the letters had been written six months apart and then said to Mr. Tyrrell. "Now. Mr. Tyrrell, the letters had been written at months apart and then said to Mr. Tyrrell. "And I understand that it is admitted that the Barnet not been consistent with the see," said Mr. Tyrrell. The manner of the cornish letters are witten at a different the cornish letters are written at a different to the transition of the cornish letters are written at a different to the transition of the cornish letters are written at a different to the cornish letters are made to the cornish letters are discussed in the cornish letters and the cornish letters are discussed in the cornish letters and the address on the poison package were all written by the same person."

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Mr Williams famile street

Mr Williams had a number of letters recommending him as a good husiness man. Some of these were written by Leut -five Timothy L. Woodruff, William Sherer, manager of the New York Clearing House, and John A. McCall. President of the New York Life Insurance Company. He also had two hanklesks of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Institution. One was made out in his name as trustee for his niece, Elsie W Schlegel, showing a basance to her credit of \$1, and the other was for George Schlegel, Jr, with a balance of \$1,900. A letter from Mistletoe Lodge, F. and A. M., informed him that his back dues, amounting to \$18, had been remitted to Jan 1, 11880. He had been a prominent Mason.

Among the papers was an editorial on death from one of the veilow journals. One sentence of it follows: "You die and are immediately transported to your happy home in some distant sin."

transported to your happy home in some distant star.

The Williams family asked permission of Coroner Burger to have the body removed to their home, but as there was a cuchre party in progress in the hotel in aid of the Christmas Tree Society, the proprietors made arrangements to have the removal deferred until the guests had departed.

Mrs. Williams declined to be seen, and her daughter, who called at the Coroner's office, refused to say anything about her father, excepting that he had been in bosiness trouble and had been drinking of late. She was ancry when she learned that the letter to her mother had been made public.

NO BERTH FOR BISHOP TURNER. Georgia Central Refuses to Sell Him a

Sleeping-Car Berth Although He Is III. SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 21.-The officers of the Georgia Central Railroad refused this morning to give Bishop Henry M. Turner of Georgia a berth on a sleeping car. The Bishop, who is ill, having been paralyzed a few days ago, desired to return to Atlanta to-morrow. asked for a berth in a sleeping car, but was told that berths were not sold to co'ored persons. The sleepers are owned by the Contrat Railroad and the road has an arbitrary rule that no negro shall ride in them. Every effort was made to secure the berth, and it has been announced that Bishop Turner will be made as comfortable as possible in a day coach, set spart for negroes. He will be attended by a colored physician and will leave for his home

a colored physician and will leave for his home in Atlanta to-morrow.

The protest of the negroes against Senator Steed's bill to make sleeping-car companies use separate cars for white and negro passengers in this State has proved of no avail. The Governor signed the bill this afternoon, thus making it a law. The bill passed both houses without any opposition and it was not until it reached the Governor that the negro citizens entered protest. They said that it would interfere with the comfort of travel as they would have to change cars in going out or coming have to change cars in going out or coming into the State.

GAS WAR NOT YET SETTLED. William Rockefeller Has a Talk With Russell Sage-A. N. Brady Silent.

The gas war was not settled yesterday, Whatever conferences may have been held between the gas interests, no results were apparent. It developed that William Rockefeller had called upon Russell Sage, but Mr. Sage said that they had "merely chatted" regarding the gas situation and that nothing looking to the ending of the war had been accomplished.
Anthony N. Brady was at his Wall street office
but had nothing to say regarding the report
that he had disposed of his interests in the
New Amsterdam Gas Company to the Consolidated Gas Company interests.

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PRIEST TAKES AMBULANCE'S PLACE. JAS. D. TAYLOR A SUICIDE.

Carries an Injured Negro on His Back Seven Blocks to Secure Medical Aid. John Mahood, a negro painter, while at work on a new building at 867 Elton avenue, fell from a scaffold yesterday afternoon, three stories to the ground. He broke his arm and two ribs and was injured internally. A crowd gathered as he lay on the ground, unable to move, but no one sent for an ambulance and

no policeman appeared in sight. After Mahood had been lying there for ten minutes. Father William Murphy of the Church of St. Peter and St. John came along. He rebuked the crowd for dilatoriness in calling an ambulance and then tried to find a policeman When he was unable to do so he took Mahood on his shoulders and carried him seven blocks to a drug store at 3706 Third avenue, where he sent a call for an ambulance to Fordham Hospital.

It was said at the hospital last night that Mahood had an even chance of recovery.

MISSING CASHIER RETURNS.

Edward P. Deering of Portland, Me., Comes

Back to See His Family.
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 21. - Edward P. Deering. cashier of Woodbury & Moulton's private bank

peake and Ohio Railroad runs parallel to the dock a few feet from it. A long train came down the incline and the back end broke loose. The disconnected ears ran down on the front part of the train and the cars piled up in a jumble on the top of the trestle. A box car loaded with see is plumped into the dock between the Shubrick and the Bichmond Ice Company's barge J. B. Donaldson in a space just large nough to miss both vessels. The car missed the shubrick oue foot. The weekage was pulled off the trestle and out of the canal and burned. The track was cleared in a few hours. dock a few feet from it. A long train came

ORDERED OUT STEREOTYPERS.

Further Effort of the Typographical Union to Cripple Pittsburg Newspapers. Pressure. Dec. 21 - A sympathetic strike of the unions allied to the International Typographical Union was declared by the Executive Council of the union to-night but the prompt resignation of one member of the board indicates that the strike order will not be obeyed very numerously. The seven

newspapers affected by the present printers' strike have no fear that publication will be The Executive Council is composed of four The Executive Council is composed of four printers and one stereotyper, the latter being J. G. Derflinger of New York, Vice-Fresident of the Stereotypers Union. When the motion to declare a symmathetic strike was offered. Mr. Derflinger spoke against it, and when the four printers on the board overrode him by their vote he instantly resigned. The publishers say that the pressmen and stereotypers now working on the seven papers will not obey the strike order.

FUREY PAYS HIS BET.

Joseph A. McGarry \$20,000 Richer for Morrissey Gray's Defeat. Former Alderman Arthur J. Heaney of Brooklyn, stakeholder of the thirty-four thousand dollar bet made on Oct. 20, by Robert A. Furey and Joseph A. Mediarry on the fate of the Democratic ticket in Kings county, yesterday turned over the money to McGarry, the winner, Furer put up \$20,000 against \$14,000 of the McGarry money that the entire Demogratic County ticket would be elected. Furey lost through the defeat of John Morrissey Gray, the candi-date for Register. It was supposed when the bet was male that Mr. Furey had some slient partners in the transaction, but he declares that no other person was interested in it in any way.

LOST MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL. Date 1803, Missing Sixty Years, Found in

the Astor Library. The manuscript record of the proceedings of the City Council in 1803, which disappeared from the record room at the City Hall in 1850. was returned to the City Library vestering, having been lost for sixty years. A few days ago tity Librarian Baer read that there were several volumes of city records in a private cellection which had been presented to the Astor Library. He wrote to the Astor Library, learned that the records of 1803 were among the lot, and made application for them. The Astor Library sent the manuscript to him vestering.

yesterday. SUN'S SHORTEST DAILY VISIT. tine Hours and Fourteen Minutes Between

Getting Up and Bedtime. The man who worked from sun to sun vesterday had the softest snap he will enjoy this winter, as the sun was visible between misty horizons only nine hours and fourteen minutes. It poked its rosente nose through the flimy air eastward at 7.21 o'clock and Liberty lighted it to bed at 4.30 o'clock. It shows on a day that ought to have been wintry, according to the calendar, but wasn't, according to the thermometer. The cloud-readers think that we are going to have a green Christmas.

LOST HIS ALL IN STOCKS, Travelling Salesman Commits Suicide in a

Utien Hotel. Urica, Dec. 21.-Henry J. Pillmore of Deposit, N. Y., formerly of Utica, who travelled for J. M. Merton & Co , clothing manufacturers, of Syracuse, committed suicide at the St. James Hotel last night by taking carbolic acid. His body was found at 9:30 this morning. Fillmore left a note for his parents, who reside near Utica, saying that he had placed all he had on stocke he supposed were good, and that he had lost everything. He was about thirty-five years of age. He leaves a widow and child at Deposit.

Charity Patient With \$213 Handy. Charles Bettistina, a newsdealer of 400 West Forty-eighth street, was removed to Bellevue in a Roosevelt Hospital ambulance last night as a destitute patient. The Believue doctors said he had gastritis. When searched at the hospital, a bag containing \$212 in coin was

hospital, a bag containing \$212 in coin was found tied around his neck. He said that The McManus, the West Side politician, was his Brooklyn Rapid Transit Advances Wages, The Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has decided on a graded system of advance in wages for its employees. Men who have been in the employ of the company for a certain length of time will receive a small increase, which will be greater as the term of service lengthess and they grow more emerienced and more valuable to the company.

Plenty of Money in Kansas. TOPERA, Kas., Dec. 21.-Bank Commissioner

Breidenthal's statements from the Kausas State and private banks show an increase of \$1,000,000 in deposits during three months. The national banks will increase this sum to \$2,000,000. Over \$00,000,000 is piled up on deposit in Kansas banks. leposit in Kansas banks.

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SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE WAGNER PALACE CAR CO.

Son-in-Law of Webster Wagner-He Had Been Melancholy Over the Coming Consolidation With the Pullman Co. and at the Last His Mind Became Unhinged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-James Duane Taylor of New York committed suicide at the Grafton Hotel in this city to-day by cutting his throat with a razor. Mr. Taylor was suffering from pervous prostration, following a severe illess, and was brought here last Saturday by his brother, his son and a physician, in the hope that the change of air and scene would prove beneficial. His mind was somewhat unbalanced and he was kept under surveillance almost constantly. To-day, when left alone for a few moments he killed himself. He was 63

Mr. Taylor was secretary and treasurer of the Wagner Palace Car Company, and lived at 352 Madison avenue. Four weeks ago he be-came ill from gastritis, and, although he recovered to a great extent under the care of Dr. John G. Perry, of 48 East Thirty-fourth street,

cashier of Woodbury & Moulton's private bank, who has been missing since Nov. 7, a week after the bank's failure, arrived bome to-night. He declines to discuss the failure or to say where he has been. He says he came home for the sole purpose of seeing his family. A member of the defunct banking firm accompanied him from Boston. The banking firm accompanied him from Boston. The banking firm accomdismissed.

BIUBRICK NEAR DESTRUCTION.

Loaded Car Falls From a Trestle Within One Foot of the Torpedo Boat.

**RICHMOND, Va. Dec. 21.—The torpedo boat Shubrick, which was launched from the Trigg shipyards here Oct. 30, in the presence of President McKinley, came very near to being destroyed at an early hour this morning. The boat, which is about 190 per cent. finished, was lying at the dock at the northern end of the shipyard. A high trestle of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs parallel to the dock a few feet from it. A long train came of the shipyard. A high trestle of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs parallel to the dock a few feet from it. A long train came of the shipyard. A high trestle of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs parallel to the dock a few feet from it. A long train came.

had been bronched.

"The idea that the old Wagner Company with which he had been associated since it was founded was to be wised out of existence," said Mr. Duval, "was inexpressibly painful to him. He brooded over the matter until he became positively morbid on the subject. He would have undoubtedly been chosen on the first of the year to fill the same office in the Consolidated company that he filled in the Wagner Company He had a beautiful summer place at Palatine Bridge, in the Mohawk Valley, a fine town house and the happiest of family relations. Commissioner Van Steenbergh was in my office this morning talking to me about the way Mr. Taylor was brooding over the dissolution of the company his father-in-law had founded, and I wrote Mr. Taylor a long letter teiling him to cheer up and that the Wagner cars would never be forgotten as long as there were railroads. He was one of the most pleasant, whole-souled men that ever lived, Everybody that knew Jim Taylor knew that he was what is called 'white.' I am inexpressibly shocked to hear of his death."

The romains were taken to-night to New York.

WAGNER-PULLMAN CONSOLIDATION. Injunction Suit Brought on 100 Shares

Already Voted for the Plan. William H. N. Francis, as the holder of 100 shares of the Wagner Palace Car Company. asked Justice Beekman of the Supreme Court yesterday for an injunction to prevent the directors of that company from carrying out the plan to amalgamate with Pullman's Palace Car Company. He said that by the proposed plan stock could be exchanged share for share in the Puliman Company and a shareholder of the Wagner Company also had the privilege of taking cash for his stock at \$180 a share. As the Wagner stock, he says, stands in the market at \$1.5, it would be a loss to take ash for the shares. It was also argued that the union would result in a monopoly, which was against the public policy of Hilmois where the Pul man company is incorporated.

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Lewis Cass Ledvard, counsel for the defendants, said that Francis had obtained his 100 shares after the proposed arrangement for a union of the companies had been agreed upon, and from a broker who had voted on those 100 shares for the consolidation. Holders of \$18.700,000 of the \$20.000,000 of stock of the Wagner company, he said, had voted for the union and so had the bulk of the stockholders of the Pulman company. The consolidation

would be the means of saving expense and benealt to the public. Decision was reserved. SAYS GORMAN WILL BE NAMED.

Judge McClure Predicts That the Demo-

crats Will Desert Bryan. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 21 .- Judge John McClure, who represented Gen. Powell Clayton at the recent meeting of the Republican National Committee at Washington, returned to-night. Speaking of the political situation

"Mark my prediction, Mr. Gorman of Mary-Mark my prediction, Mr. Gorman of Mary-land will be the nomines of the Democratic party for President next year. You may think it sounds rideulous, but time will bear out the the assertion. The Democracy of the East will put up the campaign expenses if Mr. Gorman is solected. It Bryan is nom nated they will desert him worse than they did in 18-st. The Democrats of Arkansus will be compelled to vote for a gold Democrat in 1988."

BRITISH STEAMER SEIZED. Tried to Run the Blockade at One of the

Philippine Ports. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21.-According to the latest Hong Kong rapers, received by the steamship Idsumi Maru, the British steamer Labuan has been selzed by the United States gunboat Castine at Caidera Point, Island of gunboat Castine at Caidera Point, Island of Mindanao A prize crew was put on board and the stoamer taken to Manifa. Cast. Pfort of the British steamer asked per-mission to proceed to Catholato to take away some British residents, who, it was feared, would be murdered. Permission was refused. Capt. Port then tried to run the blockade and his steamer was seized.

CONGRESSMAN BOUTSLIE ILL. Becomes Unconscious at Young's Hotel in

Boston Condition Serious. BOSTON, Dec. 21.-Congressman Charles A. Boutelle of Bangor, Me., chairman of the Committee on Navai Affairs, who is stopping at Young's Hotel, in this city, was taken ill there this afternoon, and was carried to his room unconscious. He was in the ladies' waiting room on the second floor about 2:300 cluck when he was select with an illness.

The Congressman's condition is said to be serious though not critical. Mr. Boutelle was about the hotel this morning and appeared to

CHIEF JUNTICE RISIGNS.

Hon, P. J. Bradbury of Ohio to Leave the Bench to be a Sait Comyany's Attorney. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 21.—Chief Justice P. J. Bradbury of the Ohlo Supreme Court to-day announced his intention of retiring from the bench on Jan. 2, the beginning of the next term. His term would have expired on Feb. 9. His reason for retiring is to accept the attorneyship of the National Sail Company and deiend it against the proceedings in ouster pending in the Supreme tourt under the anti-trust law. Gov. Bushnell will probably appoint Supreme Judge-elect W. Z. Davis to fill out Judge Bradbury's unexpired term.

A Mayor Rejects an Advance in Salary. BOSTON, Dec. 21 .- May or Proctor of Somerville has refused to allow his salary to be raised. He is now getting \$2.500 a year and the Aldermen wanted to make it \$3 500. He said he would not consent to an increase just after an election, that the present salary was liberal enough, that under the charter, he said, he practically gets an increase in having a secretary and lastly as the office is an honorary one he did not expect the city to pay him in full for

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